

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert in the first sentence after the title, the following new paragraph.

This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application PCT/EP2003/008593, filed August 1, 2003, claiming priority to European Patent Application 02078830.3 filed September 16, 2002, and the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/413,691, filed September 26, 2002; the disclosures of International Application PCT/EP2003/008593, European Patent Application 02078830.3 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/413,691, each as filed, are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, and ending at line 27, with the following paragraph.

Specific examples of suitable monosubstituted succinate compounds are Diethyl sec-butylsuccinate, Diethyl hexylsuccinate, Diethyl cyclopropylsuccinate, Diethyl norbornylsuccinate, Diethyl perhydrosuccinate, Diethyl trimethylsilylsuccinate, Diethyl methoxysuccinate, Diethyl p-methoxyphenylsuccinate, Diethyl p-chlorophenylsuccinate, diethyl phenylsuccinate, diethyl cyclohexylsuccinate, diethyl benzylsuccinate, diethyl cyclohexylmethylsuccinate, diethyl t-butylsuccinate, diethyl isobutylsuccinate, diethyl isopropylsuccinate, diethyl neopentylsuccinate, diethyl isopentylsuccinate, diethyl (1-trifluoromethylethyl)succinate, diethyl fluorenylsuccinate, 1-(ethoxycarbonyl)diisobutyl phenylsuccinate, Diisobutyl sec-butylsuccinate, Diisobutyl hexylsuccinate, Diisobutyl cyclopropylsuccinate, Diisobutyl norbornylsuccinate, Diisobutyl perhydrosuccinate, Diisobutyl trimethylsilylsuccinate, Diisobutyl methoxysuccinate, Diisobutyl p-methoxyphenylsuccinate, Diisobutyl p-chlorophenylsuccinate, diisobutyl cyclohexylsuccinate, diisobutyl benzylsuccinate, diisobutyl cyclohexylmethylsuccinate, diisobutyl t-butylsuccinate, diisobutyl isobutylsuccinate, diisobutyl isopropylsuccinate, diisobutyl neopentylsuccinate, diisobutyl isopentylsuccinate, diisobutyl (1-trifluoromethylethyl)succinate, diisobutyl fluorenylsuccinate, Dineopentyl sec-butylsuccinate, Dineopentyl hexylsuccinate, Dineopentyl cyclopropylsuccinate, Dineopentyl norbornylsuccinate, Dineopentyl perhydrosuccinate, Dineopentyl trimethylsilylsuccinate, Dineopentyl methoxysuccinate, Dineopentyl p-methoxyphenylsuccinate, Dineopentyl p-chlorophenylsuccinate, dineopentyl phenylsuccinate, dineopentyl cyclohexylsuccinate,

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 23, and ending at page 7, line 32 with the following paragraph.

Specific examples of suitable compounds are Diethyl 2,3bis(trimethylsilyl)succinate, Diethyl 2,2-secbutyl-3-methylsuccinate, Diethyl 2-(3,3,3,trifluoropropyl)-3-methylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3 bis(2-ethyl-butyl)succinate, Diethyl 2,3-diethyl-2-isopropylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3-diisopropyl-2-methylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3-dicyclohexyl-2-methyl diethyl 2,3-dibenzylsuccinate, diethyl 2,3-diisopropylsuccinate, diethyl 2,3-bis(cyclohexylmethyl)succinate, Diethyl 2,3-di-t-butylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3-diisobutylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3-di neopentylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3-diisopentylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3-(1-trifluoromethyl-ethyl)succinate, Diethyl 2,3-tetradecylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3-fluorenylsuccinate, Diethyl 2-isopropyl-3-isobutylsuccinate, Diethyl 2-terbutyl-3-isopropylsuccinate, Diethyl 2-ipropyl-3-cyclohexylsuccinate, Diethyl 2-isopentyl-3-cyclohexylsuccinate, Diethyl 2-tetradecyl-3-cyclohexylmethylsuccinate, Diethyl 2-cyclohexyl-3-cyclopentylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,2,3,3-tetramethylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,2,3,3-tetraethylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,2,3,3 tetrapropylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,3-diethyl-2,3-diisopropylsuccinate, Diethyl 2,2,3,3 tetrafluorosuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3bis(trimethylsilyl)succinate, Diisobutyl 2,2-secbutyl-3-methylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2-(3,3,3,trifluoropropyl)-3-methylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3 bis(2-ethyl-butyl)succinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-diethyl-2-isopropylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-diisopropyl-2-methylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-dicyclohexyl-2-methyl,diisobutyl 2,3-dibenzylsuccinate, diisobutyl 2,3-diisopropylsuccinate, , diisobutyl 2,3-bis(cyclohexylmethyl)succinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-di-t-butylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-diisobutylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-dineopentylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-diisopentylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-(1-trifluoromethyl-ethyl)succinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-tetradecylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-fluorenylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2-ipropyl-3-ibutylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2-terbutyl-3-ipropylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2-ipropyl-3-cyclohexylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2-isopentyl-3-cyclohexylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2-tetradecyl-3-cyclohexylmethylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2-cyclohexyl-3-cyclopentylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,2,3,3-tetramethylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,2,3,3-

tetraethylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,2,3,3 tetrapropylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,3-diethyl-2,3-diisopropylsuccinate, Diisobutyl 2,2,3,3 tetrafluorosuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3bis(trimethylsilyl)succinate, Dineopentyl 2,2-secbutyl-3-methylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2-(3,3,3,trifluoropropyl)-3-methylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3 bis(2-ethyl-butyl)succinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-diethyl-2-isopropylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-diisopropyl-2-methylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-dicyclohexyl-2-methyl, dineopentyl 2,3-dibenzylsuccinate, dineopentyl 2,3-diisopropylsuccinate, dineopentyl 2,3-bis(cyclohexylmethyl)succinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-di-*t*-butylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-diisobutylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-dineopentylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-diisopentylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-(1-trifluoromethyl-ethyl)succinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-tetradecylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-fluorenylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2-isopropyl-3-*i*butylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2-*tert*butyl-3-isopropylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2-isopropyl-3-cyclohexylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2-isopentyl-3-cyclohexylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2-tetradecyl-3-cyclohexylmethyl succinate, Dineopentyl 2-cyclohexyl-3-cyclopentylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,2,3,3-tetramethylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,2,3,3-tetraethylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,2,3,3 tetrapropylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,3-diethyl-2,3-diisopropylsuccinate, Dineopentyl 2,2,3,3 tetrafluorosuccinate.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 5, and ending at line 13, with the following paragraph.

In a 4 liter autoclave, purged with nitrogen flow at 70 °C for one our, 75 ml of anhydrous hexane containing 800mg of AlEt₃, 79.8 mg of dicyclopentyl dimethoxysilane and 10 mg of solid catalyst component were introduced in propylene flow at 30 °C. The autoclave was closed. 1.5 Nl of hydrogen were added and then, under stirring, ~~1.2~~21.2 Kg of liquid propylene were fed. The temperature was raised to 70°C in five minutes and the polymerization was carried out at this temperature for two hours. The nonreacted propylene was removed, the polymer was recovered and dried at 70 °C under vacuum for three hours and, then, weighed and fractionated with o-xylene to determine the amount of the xylene insoluble (X.I.) fraction at 25°C.